



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Inez M. Tenenbaum
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: September 20, 2004

SUBJECT: School Technology Funding

I am pleased to announce that the K-12 Technology Partnership has once again been able to secure funds to make it possible to provide school technology funding for your districts. The Partnership remains committed to providing funds to the extent possible.

The State Department of Education will process one payment to your districts in October. These are FY 2004-05 funds with carry-forward provision. The funds are distributed based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) and Grades 1-3 Free and Reduced Lunch counts for the second preceding year. The enclosed spreadsheet shows the allocation for each district.

The Teacher Technology Proficiency Proviso (1.28) states "the State Department of Education shall approve teacher technology competency standards required by local school districts as part of the Teacher Professional Development Plan. Approval of the teacher technology standards by the Department shall be a prerequisite for expenditure of district technology funds." Accordingly, each district must submit and receive approval of its district technology plan, including technology professional development plans and standards, by the Office of Technology in the State Department prior to expenditure of these funds. Current approval status of your district technology plan can be verified on the State Department's Web site at <<http://www.myschools.com/offices/tech/techplan>> under District Technology Plans.

Additionally, districts are required to complete an annual online school and district technology inventory site survey no later than July 20 for each year in which funds are received or expended. This survey must be completed online at <<https://www.myschools.com/apps/techsurvey2005>>. The survey form for the school year ending June 30, 2004, is currently active for your completion.

If either of these requirements are not currently met for your district, you are not authorized to expend these funds. Failure to comply with either of these two requirements can result in your district being required to return these funds.

Guidance on the use of these funds is provided in the Funding Manual and will be available online at the Department of Education's Web page at <http://www.myschools.com/offices/finance/district_auditing>. A printed copy of this letter is being sent only to district superintendents. Additional copies may be obtained on the Department's Web page at <<http://www.myschools.com/offices/tech>>, under the link for funding.

These funds are provided for school technology or technology professional development. Allowable expenses include hardware, software, wiring and telecommunications equipment, and teacher e-mail. To support administrative hardware needs and to accommodate implementation of the Pearson software packages, up to 20 percent of your allocation may be used to purchase administrative hardware. In addition, you may use these funds for technology professional development or instructional materials to support technology professional development offered in districts.

For questions regarding this funding, please contact Tammy Mainwaring at 803-734-7169 or by e-mail at tmainwar@sde.state.sc.us. Thank you for your dedication to ensuring that students are afforded full opportunity to develop essential technology skills and that technology tools are available in the classroom.

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Enclosures

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